(b) Does not arse.

Proposal for renewal of lease of M/s Bellary Mining Corporation

751. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Karnataka has sent a proposal for renewing the mining lease No. 1586 for a period of 10 years in favour of M/s Bellary Mining Corporation over an area of 15.80 ha. in Hulakundi Village, District Bellary, Karnataka, for extraction of Iron ore; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the Centre's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) No, Sir. As per provisions of Section 8 of the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957, the power to grant renewal of mining leases in respect of mineral iron ore is with the concerned State Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Approval for leasing mining to Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Ltd.

752. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Ltd. (KIOCL) has sought Central Government's approval for leasing mines in various States, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) by when KIOCL is expected to receive he centre's approval in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) Under Section 10(3) of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, Mining Leases are granted by the State Government concerned. Proposals for prior approval of the Central Government for grant of mining lease for minerals specified under the first Schedule to the aforesaid Act originate from the respective State Governments and are processed and disposed